

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED
APRIL 3RD, 2023

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting April 3rd, 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooey called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. All Council Members were present, except Member Mattern who was absent. City Supt. Josh Ulland and City Auditor Amie Vasichек were also in attendance. No audience members.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Hooey called for additions to the agenda.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the March 6th, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Member Nelson. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supt Ulland provided an estimate from Witzel Construction to install water/sewer lines for the Hulstrand Addition and Vasichек property of \$156,350. The council requested to have the estimate show only 5 gate valves instead of 8 and the same with curb stops. There was conversation about the idea of instead allowing septic services on each Hulstrand Lot instead of connecting to the sewer system. Member Nelson stated the lots would be more sellable with utility services already included with the purchase. Supt. Ulland stated Witzel Construction could be on site in July to complete the project if approved tonight. Supt. Ulland also had an estimate for demolition of various houses in town for the city at \$5,500/each. Supt. Ulland stated Benson Excavating is \$6,000/for each house but included stubbing the sewer lines for each property.

Member Nelson made a motion to accept Benson Excavating demolition estimate of \$6,000/per house and to stub up each sewer line, seconded by Member Vasichек. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

The council discussed how to pay for water/sewer services for the Hulstrand addition. The council discussed assessment options and not allowing any tax abatement requests on the property.

Member Solberg made a motion to accept Witzel Construction bid for water/sewer lines for the Hulstrand Development and to request a change in quantities to reflect 5 services instead of 8 for a price readjusted down, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек provided the council with a plan for the community center kitchen Janine Yule helped create. Supt. Ulland stated a recovery heater is ordered and suggested moving it to the Northeast corner so it would be further from the gym floor in case a repair is ever needed.

Supt. Ulland stated the 3rd pump is scheduled to be installed at the end of the month.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hooley stated he would like the city council to review the current sweeper rental rate of \$125/hr. and suggested increasing it. Member Fahey suggested to instead to hire the work done by a company out of Grand Forks. Member Vasichек stated he prefers to have the sweeper as it can be done on our timeline and not at the mercy of the company.

Member Solberg made a motion to change the sweeper rate to \$200/hr., seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland provided the council with 10 year contract from Maguire Iron to clean out and service the water tower every 3 years starting in 2024 for \$8,700 total.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the 10 year contract for service with Maguire Iron for Water Tower cleanout and repairs for \$8,700, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland stated property owned by the city is currently being hayed without a contract and Attorney Tenneson felt it should be bid out. The council instructed Auditor Vasichек to put the property out on bids for the next meeting.

Member Vasichек made a motion to accept the Policing Contract with Nelson County Sheriff's Department for 2024-2026, seconded by Member Nelson. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson stated Library Director Hoffarth would like to hire another employee to complete the bookkeeping at the library. Member Nelson stated she is proposing to provide 30% of her salary to this new employee, but thought the city council should review and discuss first. Auditor Vasichек stated she did not believe Library Director Hoffarth would be eligible for the NDPERS benefit with the reduced hours she would be working.

Member Nelson stated outgoing board members are Pat Nelson and Jamie Schwan and incoming members are Karen Doyle and Haylie Ross which should be approved by council.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the appointment of Karen Doyle and Halie Ross to the Library Board, seconded by Member Fahey. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Ulland's report was provided to the council.

Supt. Ulland stated the elementary school will be getting new playground equipment and thought the city could utilize the old equipment in the development in the Sundeen's Addition. The council agreed.

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ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Ferguson stated garbage pickup will be moved to the streets starting next week.

Member Nelson stated the Golf Clubhouse board is planning on making some improvements to the building such as new siding and windows and plan to ask the Lakota Foundation for assistance.

ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hoey stated with the upcoming snowstorm he suggested not to widen the streets as the forecasted weather will take care of it.

AUDITOR REPORT

Auditor Vasichek' s written report was provided and attached with minutes.

The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

ATTORNEY REPORT

No report provided.

After review of the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by Member Solberg to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 6-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	311.77
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Aflac	\$	254.04
Apex Engineering	\$	1,188.00
Aramark Uniform	\$	43.35
BCBS	\$	5,996.66
Capital One Trade Credit	\$	37.28
Dakota Supply Group	\$	367.80
Dept. of Environmental Quality	\$	90.00
EFTPS	\$	2,324.62
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Elan Financial Services	\$	260.61
Farmers Union Oil	\$	838.80
GF Utility Billing	\$	26.00
Hawkins	\$	633.53
Helms & Associates	\$	4,000.00
Lakota American	\$	295.56
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	310.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	627.66
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	9,788.28
Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	11,436.14
Mailfinance	\$	600.00
McLean, Gary	\$	25.00
Mead & Hunt	\$	15,000.00
MARC	\$	4,818.00
MRES	\$	68,529.69
MMUA	\$	750.00

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Nationwide	\$ 290.00
NMPP	\$ 668.07
Nelson County Sheriff	\$ 2,318.40
Nelson County Treasurer	\$ 3,011.75
Nelson Electrical	\$ 250.00
Nodak	\$ 885.57
ND Telephone	\$ 48.99
NXTEC USA	\$ 252.36
Polar	\$ 1,199.54
Quill	\$ 50.58
Rysavy Plumbing	\$ 640.94
Schuh, Jesse	\$ 399.74
Stumper Pumper	\$ 875.00
Uline	\$ 129.45
Ulland, Josh	\$ 527.93
USABluebook	\$ 1,417.79
Verizon	\$ 201.25
Zions Bank	\$ 400.00
City Salaries	\$ 12,042.44
City Salaries	<u>\$ 14,723.19</u>
TOTAL	\$ 171,650.03

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1st, 2023, at 6:00pm.

Member Solberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Ferguson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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SUBMITTED BY:

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Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor